## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled *EHRLICHIA RUMINANTIUM* POLYPEPTIDES, ANTIGENS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES, AND METHODS OF USE specification for which

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	is attached hereto.		
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	hereby state that I have reviewed and u	inderstand the contents of the above-identi	fied specification, including the claims, as
amended l	y any amendment referred to above.		
	acknowledge the duty to disclose infor	mation which is material to patentability o	of this application in accordance with Title
37, Code	of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).		
	hereby claim foreign priority benefits t	under Title 35, United States Code §119	and/or §365 of any foreign application(s)
for patent	or inventor's certificate listed below an	nd have also identified any foreign applic	cation for patent or inventor's certificate
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §365 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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